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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, DR. HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE OF KISSINGER PILGRIMS' SPEECH

1. EUROPA HOTEL, WHERE PILGRIM'S SPEECH TO BE GIVEN, HAS EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR COVERAGE BY ALL MEDIA. IN DISCUSSIONS TODAY, IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT BBC TELEVISION WILL POOL FOR ALL VIDEO ORGANIZATIONS, WITH AMERICAN NETS PROBABLY SENDING MUCH BRIEFER EDITED VERSION OF SPEECH VIA SATELLITE IN TIME TO MAKE EARLY EVENING NEWS SHOWS.

2. AT THIS POINT, IT APPEARS THAT SECRETARY WILL NOT BEGIN HIS ADDRESS MUCH BEFORE 2200 HOURS, (BEGIN DINNER SHORTLY AFTER 2000 HOURS, FINISH DINNER AT 2130 HOURS, HARLECH FIVE MINUTES INTRODUCTION TO SIR ALEC WHO WILL SPEAK ABOUT 15 MINUTES INTRODUCING SECRETARY), THEREFORE DISTRIBUTION OF ADVANCE TEXT SEVERAL HOURS AHEAD OF DELIVERY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO TELEVISION NEWSMEN AND PRODUCERS, WHO THUS ABLE TO DECIDE WHICH SEGMENTS OF SPEECH SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN BRIEF VERSION MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. AUDIO COVERAGE WILL BE DONE BY HOOKUP WITH MULTIPLE SOCKET BOX RUNNING FROM MICROPHONES AT TOP TABLE. FEEDS FROM THIS WILL BE USED BY VOA AS WELL AS USIS TO RECORD OFFICIAL TAPE OF SPEECH. OTHER AUDIO WILL USE THIS SYSTEM OR HOOK INTO SOUND TRACK ON

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BBC TELEVISION COVERAGE.

4. PRINT PRESS EXPECTED TO NUMBER ABOUT 20 TO 25, WITH DINNER ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR THIS NUMBER, WHICH APPEARS WILL BE EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN BRITISH AND AMERICAN REPS. WILL ANY AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS BE ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY'S PARTY AND IF SO, WHICH WILL WANT TO ATTEND DINNER? OUR PLAN, AGREED WITH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION, IS THAT RESIDENTS WILL DEFER TO VISITING CORRESPONDENTS OF SAME ORGANIZATION, AS ONLY ONE REP. FROM EACH ORGANIZATION WILL BE INVITED. PILGRIMS HAVE LONG-STANDING RULE AGAINST ATTENDANCE BY FEMALES, BUT IF THERE ARE ANY LADY MEMBERS OF ACCOMPANYING PRESS WHO WISH TO ATTEND DINNER WE CAN PROBABLY OVERCOME TRADITION.

5. USIS FULLY GEARED TO REPRODUCE ADVANCE TEXTS, BUT HOPES FOR LONGEST POSSIBLE LEAD-TIME. TIME AND METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION CAN BE DECIDED WITH VEST ON ARRIVAL OR VIA PHONE FROM BRUSSELS TO GENE ROSENFELD, PRESS ATTACHE.

6. BANQUETING ROOM IS SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO HANDLE ALL MEDIA, INCLUDING STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO EXPECTED TO WORK BRIEFLY AT BEGINNING OF SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.

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